

Republican Nominee for President Favorably Impresses Gathering

The rain which had deluged the city for two solid hours ceased abruptly, the clouds broke away and the sun shone from a sky of southern Oregon blue as the train bearing Charles E. Hughes, republican nominee for president, whistled into the Ashland yards.

A crowd of about fifteen hundred people from Ashland and vicinity were gathered on the platform and lawns at the station, enlivened before the arrival of the train by the Ashland band, which marched from the business section to the station. When Mr. Hughes appeared on the platform a cheer arose, and as he was escorted to an automobile in the center of the assemblage the throng surged in closely.

S. S. Smith introduced Mr. Hughes as "the next president of the United States," and a silence fell over the gathered voters as the man from the east smiled out over the crowd with the words, "It is good to be here." As his vision swept the mountains surrounding Ashland, vivid and clear cut after the drenching rain, the great republican seemed to forget such things as politics and launched into an appreciation of all Oregon and the Rogue River valley in particular.

He finally turned to the subjects which the crowd had come to hear, saying: "It always was my belief that it is what you do in office, not the mere attainment of office, that counts." Escaping steam from an engine in the yards was shut off and a quiet even more still than that at midnight, when the switch engine is "on spot" and the yards are empty, prevailed while the man whom Oregon gave the highest tribute any state could pay, plead for a loyalty to flag and to country. He stated: "I am a firm believer in a reasonable preparedness, and am I elected I shall certainly insist upon a proper maintenance of national honor. The best ability of our country is needed and should be enlisted in the diplomatic service. Nothing is too good for the American public."

With a slight reference to conditions today Mr. Hughes asked: "Why can we not have a government run without waste and without extravagance? The present administration has not proper national budget or financial scheme. I want to change this. I want to organize the finances of this country that it may be run as a great business should be run. "This country must compete with the nations of the earth after this war is over, and the competition will be close and keen. When the millions of men who are now fighting in Europe lay down their arms and return to peaceful pursuits, it will be with better organized industries awaiting them and they themselves better prepared to do their share. The United States must be prepared for this competition of peace as well as the possibility of war. And this preparation must come through the inauguration of the republican doctrine of protection to American industry. The present administration have had a theory of government which did not work. They needed a European war to help them out. If we are going to compete with the nations of the world successfully, we must do it with a sound policy and by all working together."

Frequent bursts of applause interrupted the speech, which was received with an intense interest and appreciation of its substantial nature, unadorned by oratorical outbursts which are so often resorted to with the intention of arousing enthusiasm. Mr. Hughes' talk was discussed in a great many Ashland homes and left much food for sober thought with his hearers.

Following his talk, the distinguished visitor held an informal reception for ten minutes, shaking hands with several hundred, paying particular attention to the many children who were "lifted up to shake hands with the next president." Mrs. Hughes also greeted a number of Ashlanders, she having remained seated in the car with Mr. Hughes during his talk.

The car was loaded down with Ashland roses, great red, juicy peaches and a case of Ashland's famous Lithia water. The ladies' Civic Improvement Club, the Gillette springs company and fruit growers contributed freely.

Mr. Hughes, although he had passed through a day which was just "one little speech after another," did

not seem tired, and, in fact, surprised everyone with his smile, his personality and his vim.

The arrangements for the successful reception given here were made in the main by Chairman T. H. Simpson of the republican central committee of Ashland, assisted by other republican war horses of the city.

The train was accompanied through Oregon to Ashland by National Committeeman Ralph Williams, Charles L. McNary, chairman of the state republican committee, E. B. Herman, state committeeman from Douglas county, and Senator Marsters of Roseburg.

S. S. Smith, state committeeman from Medford, met the train at Glendale and accompanied it here.

As the train pulled out Mr. Hughes waved from the back platform while Mrs. Hughes stood beside him, her arms full of Ashland roses, smiling a goodbye to Ashland and to Oregon, a state which against her husband's wishes nominated him for the presidency by a large majority.

Story of Brookings Is a Big Surprise

Vance Wolgamont, formerly of Talent, but who has now located at Brookings, the new town over in Curry county, "The country God made and man forgot," was a visitor in the city Saturday, getting his affairs straightened up preparatory to moving over there permanently. Mr. Wolgamont is satisfied that some wonderful opportunities exist over in that country and says there is an opportunity for any man over there.

The immensity of the operations which are going on at Brookings have scarcely been realized. Mr. Wolgamont states that there are at present 250 men employed by the company there in getting ready to begin lumbering operations, and that by the first of next year six hundred men will be at work, all white help, no foreigners being wanted. The immense sawmill has a capacity of 500,000 feet a day and enough timber is available to last for twenty-five years at this rate.

One million dollars is being expended in making a harbor. Every bit of machinery and freight has been brought in by cables stretched from ships' anchorage out in the bay to the cliffs so far, but good harbor facilities will be secured, although at enormous cost.

There are no "bunk houses," a big hotel accommodating the help and being run along up-to-date scientific lines, absolutely "the cleanest place I ever saw," said Mr. Wolgamont.

An immense tourist hotel, one of the finest on the coast, is also being built and will be opened during the Chetco Cove Carnival in September.

"Of course it is a company-owned town," said Mr. Wolgamont, "but they are ready to provide a building and help anyone install a business."

Brookings is thirty miles up the coast from Crescent City and fine roads exist between the two. Brookings is the gateway to the famous Curry county wilds, which are acknowledged to be the most prolific of game of any of the Oregon mountains. It will become a famous outfitting place for hunting trips.

The Chetco Cove Carnival is to be a hummer, according to the Talent man. They are sparing no expense in the attempt to make the affair the most unique and one of the greatest of its kind.

Schumann-Heink May Buy Ranch

Madame Schumann-Heink will arrive in the Rogue River valley within the week for a few days' stay. She is said to be contemplating the purchase of a ranch for her son, and looks with favor upon the Rogue River valley. Her son has been in the valley for some time past.

The famous singer is not the first person of national prominence to purchase lands in the state. Thomas W. Lawson of Boston, Mrs. Eleanor Martin of San Francisco, Mrs. Potter Palmer of Chicago, Billy Sunday and many others own vast tracts of timber and farming lands in Oregon.

Marshfield is to pave ten blocks of Anderson street.

Plan Scandinavian Band Concert

The Ashland band has in the course of preparation a concert of Scandinavian music which will be presented in the near future, the exact date to be announced as soon as set.

The Scandinavian concert will be something so unique and different as to interest everybody, and at the same time is fine music. The numbers selected are the most popular Scandinavian airs, national melodies, overtures and light concert numbers, besides stirring marches, such as are seldom heard from an American band. Most of the music is extremely difficult and much hard practice is necessary before the band will feel ready to attempt the concert.

The Scandinavian society of the valley will attend the concert in a body.

Large interests are uniting to build a Mt. Hood highway loop.

Camps Plays He Is a Submarine

F. L. Camps, Ashland agent for the Ford car, apparently in an attempt to back up the statement that "a Ford car can go anywhere," attempted to drive his car across the river bed of the Willamette when the bed was full of water last Wednesday night. The attempt happened at Wilsonville from the ferry. The car lit in twenty feet of water and went to the bottom, F. L. going part way down with it. He finally disentangled himself and reached the shore. He had the car hauled up from the bottom of the river (the dispatches neglected to say whether the engine was still running) and proceeded on his way to Portland. Mr. Camps told them at Wilsonville that he had been driving a good many hours and must have gone to sleep. Also that he did not know the river was there.

The brick and tile factory at Sutherlin has started running.

Grant Lands Classification Crew Is Making Unexpected Progress

Louis L. Sharp, chief of the field division of the United States Land office in the state and in charge of the crews which are classifying the Oregon-California grant lands, spent Sunday in Ashland and is now superintending the moving of the camps of his crews. Mr. Sharp stated, "Wonderful progress is being made, in fact, the men are plunging into the work with such speed and understanding that we are making 50 per cent better progress than I anticipated. They are eating it up."

All of the land in Jackson county east and south of Ashland, has been covered, and the camps are being moved into the next section to the north. Headquarters camp has been moved from Parkhurst to a point on Lake creek, about 25 miles east of Medford. The sub camps of which there are five have been established through the country at the

head of Lake creek, and in the Dead Indian country, northeast of Ashland.

The division of the county upon which the crew is now working will conclude the work in the eastern part of Jackson county. When this portion is finished the crew will move into the section west of Medford. From the progress which is being made it seems not unlikely that the lands in Jackson county will be classified with the next two months.

The organization of the forces and of the work is practically completed and about 100 men are employed altogether including the camp workers and the transportation forces. One more camp of cruisers for which Mr. Sharp states he has already selected the men, will be added and then the organization will be complete.

One of the most interesting features of the system used is the classification report. These reports were originated by Mr. Sharp and form the basis of the records of classification. Each cruiser makes out one of these reports for each subdivision of land. The reports are then checked up and approved by the crew foreman, then by Mr. Sharp and forwarded to the Portland Land office which approves them and forwards them to Washington, D. C., where they are filed and form the record basis. Mr. Sharp says he believes he has gone over and signed four or five hundred of these in the past two or three days.

Of the land which has been surveyed and classified, Mr. Sharp says: "There is much valuable timber land, the greater portion being classified as what I would call valuable for the timber which stands on it. Some of the timber is simply magnificent. There is also some desirable agricultural land, but owing to the high altitude, not as likely to be preferred as that in lower parts of the country."

One of the hardest problems met has been the transportation of the camps from one site to another. The camps necessarily have to be moved often so that the men will not have too far to go from camp before beginning operations. Auto trucks have been found impractical on the rough mountain roads. The jumps are too long, sometimes 50 miles, for horses or mules and teaming is too slow. At present light automobiles with delivery wagon bodies are being used and have proven fairly satisfactory. "We have not a single green man in the whole force," stated Mr. Sharp, "and the pace which those old timers set is simply terrific." He went on to tell how two or three of the compassmen who are mostly young fellows, had had quite a time at first until they got hardened to the work, and how the old-timers "crabbed" if anyone lagged.

The cruisers who are working on the job, the biggest cruising job which has probably been tackled on the Pacific Coast, are absolutely the pick of the timber cruisers of the United States. These men know timber like a racing driver knows gasoline. Mr. Sharp says, "I really did not expect to be more than under way by this time, but these fellows most of them had their lines picked out before they hit camp and were in the woods and at work before they had unpacked their duffel. It is most gratifying. There is not a hitch or a weak cog in the whole organization. Each of these men was picked for his particular job and nobody has had to be told."

Besides the headquarters camp, there are five sub-camps, each under the charge of a foreman. These five men, according to Mr. Sharp, are as well known in the timber world as Battling Nelson is in the boxing world. They are Malcolm Doble, W. F. Slaughter, David Edgar, Charles W. Mead and Willie Potter, all men of world-wide reputations and masters of all there is to know about timber. Each camp has five cruisers five compassmen and the cook. The camps are located from 10 to 12 miles apart. There are also a few men who "work loose" picking up the odds and ends.

Mrs. Sharp came down from Portland Sunday and left yesterday for the Lake creek camp with Mr. Sharp. Mr. Sharp presented her with a fine rifle purchased here and the boys in camp count upon "the boss's wife" to bring in some venison. Mrs. Sharp is anxious to get out in the hills, which she loves as well as the most seasoned timberman.

Want Thousand People to Climb Mount Ashland for the Movies

On next Sunday, August 25, it is hoped to have several hundred, if possible over a thousand, people climb Mt. Ashland. It will be "Mt. Ashland day" for the entire valley. The purpose of the expedition will be dual, first to acquaint the people of Ashland and the valley with one of the biggest assets of the valley, Mt. Ashland, and the delights of the climb and the view from the top, and second, to produce some motion pictures which will be absolutely unique and the greatest kind of advertisement for the valley. "Movie Man" Hull of the valley will take the

with the crowd next Sunday. It will be the opportunity of the summer.

Medford.
The Grizzlies of Medford have been extended a special invitation and will probably go in a body. The public at large throughout the valley are urged to come, and hundreds no doubt will come.

Transportation.
Several public-spirited automobile owners have already signed up to take their cars, and the price charged to the end of the road (8.2 miles from Ashland) will be 75 cents for the round trip. All who do not care



Mount Shasta from Summit of Mount Ashland.

throng of people, on the trail and on the very backbone of the Slakiyou range, coasting down over the snowbanks fifty feet deep in the crater, and perhaps, if any volunteer, wading in the ice-cold lake in the crater.

If you are planning on a trip to the mountain or if you are not, go

to walk all the way and have no other means of transportation should sign up at the Ashland Art Store, across Oak street from the Hotel Austin, for the trip. Car owners are also urged to leave their names and the number of passengers they can carry at the same place. The roads

Mount Ashland trip, which is to become one of Ashland's greatest assets.

Look out for your winter supply of wood now. Don't wait till the first storm. Carson-Fowler Lumber Co. 25-41

Four Hours To Lake of the Woods

H. L. Sinclair, with a party of four in his Ford car, made the run to Lake of the Woods in four hours yesterday, returning in the same time.

Leaving at noon they got out to the lake by four o'clock, visited for the best part of an hour with Jack True and the road gang, viewed the lake and were back in town by 9 o'clock in the evening. Mr. Sinclair says they took their time and that the run should take about three hours and a half under ordinary conditions.

The roads are reported to be very good in the main, the only bad spot being a stretch of very bumpy road seven miles this side of the lake through two miles of level plain which used to be called "Hell's Half Acre" on account of its semblance to one big rock pile.

Mr. True told Mr. Sinclair that in two days this bad stretch would be fixed and then the road to the lake will present no difficulties other than those met on any road. Next Sunday should see dozens of automobiles make the trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Sinclair, Misses Amy

Former Ashlander Is Superintendent

Charles W. Evans, former Ashlander and brother of High Evans and Sam Evans of this city, who has been mine foreman of the Plymouth Consolidated for the past two years, has accepted a position of superintendent of the Pyramid mines, four miles from Shingle Springs, in Placer county. The Placerville Nugget says: "Evans is considered one of the best men in his line and it was with great regret the Plymouth Consolidated accepted his resignation and bid farewell to him and his estimable wife and family."

The Albina, Ore., machine works are to get \$235,000 for repairing Japanese steamers.

Hotel Men Present Lithia to S.F. Crowd

The excursion of San Francisco Chamber of Commerce business men who are to visit Ashland on next Saturday passed through Sunday en route of Marshfield where they will attend the celebration. The Hotel Austin management dissolved itself into an informal reception committee, there being none else at the time to say how-do-you-do as the San Franciscans passed through.

The Austin folks took to the depot and presented to each of the businessmen a bottle of Ashland Lithia water, which made an instantaneous hit with the visitors, and has created a good deal of interest in Ashland.

The party will look forward with interest to their stay here next Saturday and every effort is being made toward making a success of that day.

The management of the Austin is doing some great boasting for this city with the bottles of lithia which are so lavishly distributed. Every morning each guest of the hotel finds a bottle of lithia water at the door.

La Grande business men will install a gas plant.